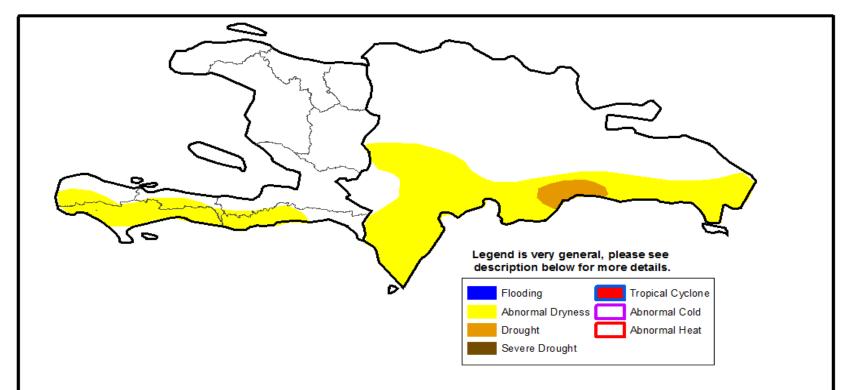


Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook July 31 – August 6, 2014

Below-average rains observed over Hispaniola during the past week.



During the past week, insufficient rainfall was observed over much of Hispaniola. Light to moderate rains fell over the central and southern parts of Haiti, whereas little to no rainfall was recorded elsewhere. Since late May, rainfall deficits have totaled between 100-300 mm throughout much of Hispaniola, with the largest anomalies over eastern Dominican Republic. Over the same period, the southern parts and eastern third of the Island have received only between 5-25 percent of their average rainfall. The prolonged dryness has already negatively affected agricultural and hydrological activities along the southern coasts. In the Santo Domingo of the Dominican Republic, the lack of rainfall has negatively affected dam reservoir operations and resulted in water restrictions. Moreover, recent vegetation indices have continued to show degraded crop conditions over many local areas of southern Haiti and southern Dominican Republic. For next week, rainfall forecasts suggest continued reduced rains over Hispaniola, with the exception of west-central Dominican Republic and the Sud-Est and L'Artibonite departments of Haiti, where moderate to locally heavy rains are expected. With the forecast limited rains, the chance for a recovery remains slim and ground conditions may worsen.